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Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 09/839,536; Filing Date: April 23, 2001

For: Trophic Conversion of Obligate Phototrophic Algae Through Metabolic Engineering

Inventors: APT et al.

Our Ref: 2715.0360001/JUK/SAS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$1,110.00 to cover extension fee;
- 2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
- Executed Power of Attorney to Prosecute Applications Before the USPTO;
- Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b); and
- Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with Exhibits A-C.

The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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